

ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING 2003 BOARD ACTIONS

BOARD

November 2002

- Established 2003 Board meeting dates.
- Established 2003 dates for Board work sessions (substituting for committee meetings)
- Appointed Peggy Benson as representative to State Trauma Task Force
- Nominated Hilda Reynolds and Charlie Jones Dickson to Alabama Nursing Hall of Fame
- Approved response to ACAPNEP letter related to nursing education rules
- Approved 2003 Strategic Plan
- Approved Annual Summit for next two years in the Fall season
- Approved enhancement of Annual Report and distribute to licensees and stakeholders in lieu of newsletter

March 2003

- Appointed Peggy Benson, RN, MSHA, CNA as the Board's representative to the Southeast Alabama Emergency Medical Services Council.
- Approved creation of Center for Nursing with the direction to the EO to provide a report to the Board.
- Approved Board position to oppose any legislation that would allow unlicensed personnel to administer glucagon in the schools.
- Approved Board Member Responsibilities.

July 2003

- Approved FY 2004 retreat to discuss strategic planning.

September 2003

- Established FY 2004 Board member compensation at \$125.00 per day.
- Evaluated Executive Officer and provided for 5% salary increase.
- Approved EO evaluation tool for FY 2004
- Approved nomination of Jean Mann Lazarus, Ed.D, RN for induction into the Alabama Healthcare Hall of Fame

ADMINISTRATION

November 2002

- Approved providing Alabama Department of Public Health the mailing list to contact nurses related to smallpox vaccinations.
- Approved that all public records of the Board that are reasonably available be electronically retrievable.

January 2003

- Approved placing Executive Officer Evaluation on work session agenda rather than having a task force.

May 2003

- Approved revised organizational charts for authority and functionality.
- Approved ABN 5th Annual Summit schedule, purpose, objectives.

July 2003

- Approved printing and mailing FY 2002 Annual Report to all licensees
- Approved FY 2004 Operations Plan

September 2003

- Approved FY 2005 Budget.
- Approved revised Fee Schedule.

ADVANCED PRACTICE

November 2002

- Approved referral of Chapter 610-X-5, Advanced Practice—Collaborative Practice to the Joint Committee for review and recommendation
- Granted petition for declaratory ruling for Michael Carmine Buffalo, RN, MSN, CCRN: provisional approval until such time as NP exam in pediatric acute care offered by a national certifying body. One year provisional approval expires one year from date exam first offered.

January 2003

- Approved fine needle aspiration of the breast for CRNPs.
- Approved transfer of exception for 9 FTEs from Seine Chiang, MD to Hedwige Saint-Louis, MD, Medical Director of Planned Parenthood of Alabama.

- Approved transfer of exception of unlimited FTEs at Good Samaritan Clinic in Tuscaloosa from Mark Woods MD to James Robinson MD.
- Approved an exception to limit on CRNPs for Andy Kirk, MD for a total of 3 FTEs for 3 CRNPs in the VA Community Clinic in Dothan for a period of one year
- Approved an exception to limit of CRNPs for a total of 2.5 FTEs/3 CRNPs for Ronald Dykes, MD for seven months

March 2003

- Approved removal of sphenoidal EEG electrode for patients who have had no facial nerve palsy for the practice of CRNPs in an approved collaboration.

May 2003

- Approved collaboration of Trinette Bell with Andy Kirk, MD concurrent with the leave of Anna Owens and terminating with Ms. Owens return to work or June 30, 2003 whichever occurs first.
- Continued temporary approval for CRNPs in collaboration with Hedwige Saint-Louis, MD in the clinics of Planned Parenthood of Alabama until September 2003.
- Approved addition of treadmill and pharmacological stress testing under physician supervision to the protocol for Margaret Ainsworth, CRNP and Michael Honan, MD.
- Denied addition of sentence, "The Joint Committee shall be informed of pending investigation of an applicant."
- Approved amendment of ABN Administrative Code Chapter 610-X-2, Definitions, Advanced Practice
- Approved new ABN Administrative Code Chapter 610-X-5, Advanced Practice Nursing, Collaborative Practice.
- Approved amendments to ABN Administrative Code Chapter 610-X-9, Advanced Practice Nursing

July 2003

- Approved continuation of Advanced Practice Advisory Council
- Approved exceptions for Planned Parenthood related to on-site face to face time

September 2003

- Approved application processing only for applicants engaged in collaborative practice.
- Appointed Diantha Miller for another three year term as the CRNP representative on the Joint Committee.
- Approved membership on Advanced Practice Advisory Council.

CENTER FOR NURSING

May 2003

- Approved operational plan for the Center for Nursing.

September 2003

- Determined membership on Center for Nursing Advisory Council.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

March 2003

- Approved repeal of ABN Administrative Code, Chapter 610-X-12, Continuing Education.

May 2003

- Approved staff guidelines for “recognized” CE providers.
- Approved amendment of ABN Administrative Code Chapter 610-X-10, Continuing Education to provide specific regulations related to active military deployment.

September 2003

- Approved CE Plan.

EDUCATION

November 2002

- Deferred action on Wallace State Community College-Dothan request to eliminate microbiology from the ADN curriculum.
- Granted approval to Southern Union Community College ADN Program.
- Granted approval to Southern Community College PN Program
- Directed development of competencies, knowledge requirements, skills and role expectations of each level of nursing education

January 2003

- Provide notice of deficiency for failure to meet the NCLEX 75% standard for first-time writers to the following PN programs:
Chattahoochee Valley, Ayers State, Gadsden State, Bishop State, Southern Community and Trenholm State.
- Provide notice of deficiency for failure to meet the NCLEX 75% standard for first-time writers to the following RN programs:
University of Mobile-ADN, Lawson State, Spring Hill, and Bishop State Community College.
- Granted provisional approval to Faulkner State Community College to implement ADN and PN programs Fall Semester 2003.
- Provided notice of deficiency to Northeast Alabama Community College for (1) failure to meet the faculty:student ratio of 1:8; and (2) failure to meet the 75% NCLEX standard for first-time writers.
- Granted full approval to Wallace Community College-Selma ADN & PN Programs based on routine survey visit.
- Provided notice to Wallace Community College-Dothan that: (1) curriculum change implemented in April 2002 (deletion of microbiology) was not approved by the Board as required by the rules in effect at the time; (2) students graduating from a non-approved curriculum are not eligible for NCLEX; (3) failure to comply with published regulations is a deficiency and immediate compliance is expected; (4) elimination of microbiology from curriculum was not approved by the Board so request to add it back to the curriculum is moot; and (5) request to drop English 102 from the curriculum is at discretion of the school.

March 2003

- Approved maintaining fiscal year as the Board-approved time period for NCLEX results.
- Approved holding an Education Summit June 20, 2003 in lieu of the planned fall summit.

May 2003

- Approved Bessemer State Technical College-PN Program based on correction of deficiencies.
- Approved MacArthur State Technical College-PN Program based on correction of deficiencies.

July 2003

- Approved continuation of Articulation/Mobility Advisory Council
- Determined that letters of support for graduate programs in nursing would not be appropriate

July 2003

- Approved the revised Nursing Education Program Annual Report

September 2003

- Approved membership for Articulation/Mobility Advisory Council

LEGAL

September 2003

- Approved changes to consent orders and Board Orders to require CRNP and CNM disciplined by the Board to provide copy of Board Order to each collaborating and covering physician and provide written verification back to the Board.

LICENSING

November 2002

- Approved, as final certification, revisions to fee schedule

January 2003

- Denied petition for declaratory ruling from Kimberly Dickie Jones related to request to waive the CE earning period.

September 2003

- Granted petition for declaratory ruling for Margaret Kornecki exempting her from CGFNS requirement.

PRACTICE

November 2002

- Approved request for RNs in ICU at Baptist Medical Center-Walker to conduct peripheral nerve stimulation for evaluation of neuromuscular blockade in accordance with standardized procedure
- Approved performance of microdermabrasion by RNs and LPNs in the practice of Melinda Birchmore-Musick, MD in accordance with submitted standardized procedure
- Approved request from Druid City Hospital in Tuscaloosa for RNs in ICU and ED to administer neuromuscular blocking agents in accordance with standardized procedure as a 12-month pilot project

January 2003

- Approved final school nurse curriculum as amended to teach unlicensed school personnel how to assist with medications in the school setting.

- Amended Chapter 610-X-6, Standards of Nursing Practice by adding sections .08 -.11.
- Amended Chapter 610-X-9, Advanced Practice Nursing by deleting .06, Exceptions, related to local anesthetics.

March 2003

- Issued declaratory ruling approving advanced practice nurses to perform physical examinations of drivers of commercial vehicles but not registered or licensed practical nurses.

September 2003

- Approved standardized procedure for Huntsville Hospital for administration of RSI medications by RNs under direct supervision.
- Approved standardized procedure for The Children's Hospital of Alabama for administration of radioisotopes.

POST-BACCALAUREATE SCHOLARSHIPS

July 2003

- Approved fifteen post-baccalaureate scholarship recipients
- Approved five alternates for post-baccalaureate scholarships in the event any of the fifteen selected decline the scholarship

September 2003

- Cancelled Tommy Morton's debt to State Treasury for one disbursement in 2003 due to his physical inability to fulfill the conditions of the scholarship award.

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING, INC.

March 2003

- Nominated Marjesta K. Jones, LPN to seek election as Director at Large for NCSBN.
- Provided comments regarding proposed changes to NCLEX-RN® Test Plan
- Denied request to participate in 2003 Commitment to Ongoing Excellence (CORE) study.

May 2003

- Elected Peggy Benson and Marjesta Jones as delegates for the Annual Meeting.
- Elected Elaine Klein and Joyce Chappellear as alternate delegates for the Annual Meeting.
- Nominated Dr. Rozell for the 2003 NCSBN Meritorious Achievement Award.

July 2003

- Approved recommendation for delegates to present mission and inquire about future direction of NCSBN.